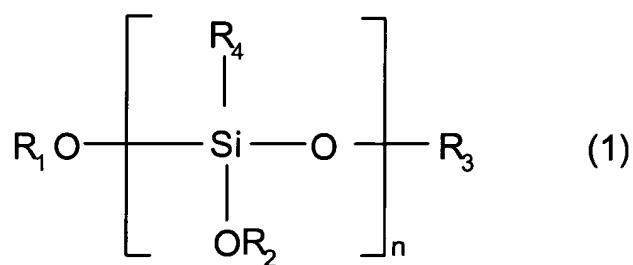


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Previously presented) A process for preparing a composite comprising a polyparaphenylene terephthalamide fiber and a siloxane polymer, which comprises:
coating or impregnating a polyparaphenylene terephthalamide fiber with a solution consisting of a solvent, a compound represented by the following formula (1):

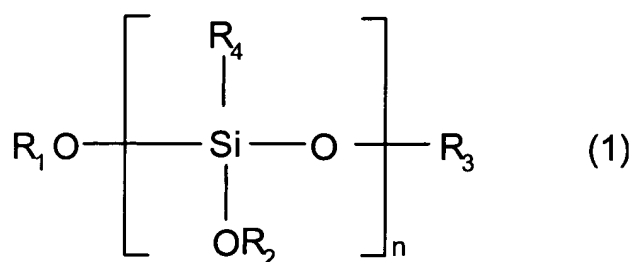


wherein n represents an integer of 2 to 10; R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ may be each the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and R₂ and R₄ may be each the same or different in every repetition unit, and a catalyst for curing the compound represented by the formula (1), wherein the catalyst is an organic metal compound selected from the group consisting of a metal acid ester of titanium, a metal acid ester of zirconium, and an organic tin compound and, optionally, reaction water, and

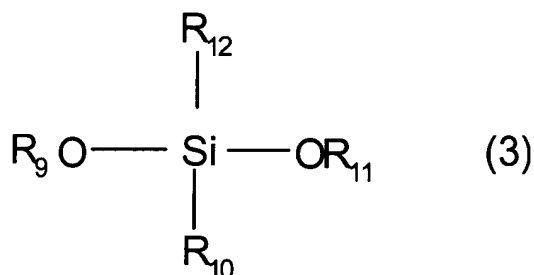
curing the compound represented by the formula (1).

17. (Previously presented) A process for preparing a composite comprising a polyparaphenylene terephthalamide fiber and a siloxane polymer, which comprises:

coating or impregnating a polyparaphenylene terephthalamide fiber with a solution consisting of a solvent, a compound represented by the following formula (1):



wherein n represents an integer of 2 to 10; R_1 , R_2 , R_3 and R_4 may be each the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and R_2 and R_4 may be each the same or different in every repetition unit, a catalyst for curing the compound represented by the formula (1), wherein the catalyst is an organic metal compound selected from the group consisting of a metal acid ester of titanium, a metal acid ester of zirconium, and an organic tin compound, at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a compound represented by the formula (3):



wherein R_9 , R_{10} , R_{11} and R_{12} may be each the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms or an alkenyl group of 2 to 10 carbon atoms, and among them, one or both of R_{10} and R_{12} may be an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group of 2 to 10 carbon atoms or an aryl group of 6 to 20 carbon atoms, one or more hydrogen atoms of each of said groups being optionally substituted with an epoxy group or a glycidyl group directly or via an intervening group, and a condensate in which two or more molecules of the compound represented by the formula (3) are condensed and, optionally, reaction water, and curing the compound represented by the formula (1).

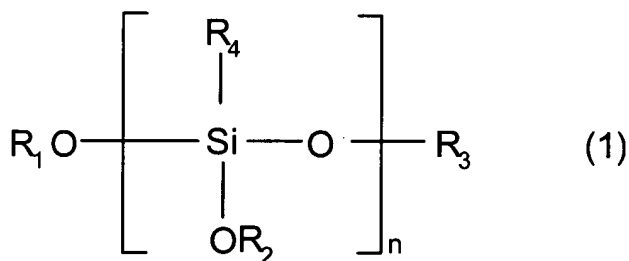
18. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 16 or claim 17, wherein the solution does not comprise reaction water.

19. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 16 or claim 17, wherein the organic metal compound is selected from the group consisting of tetrapropoxy titanate, tetrabutoxy titanate, tetrapropoxy zirconate, dibutyltin diacetate and dibutyltin dilaurate.

20. (Previously presented) The process according to claim 16 or claim 17, wherein the organic metal compound is selected from the group consisting of tetrabutoxy titanate and dibutyltin diacetate.

21. (Previously presented) A process for preparing a composite comprising a polyparaphenylene terephthalamide fiber and a siloxane polymer, which comprises:

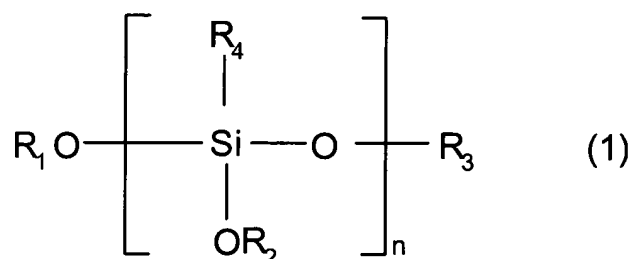
coating or impregnating a polyparaphenylene terephthalamide fiber with a solution consisting of a solvent, a compound represented by the following formula (1):



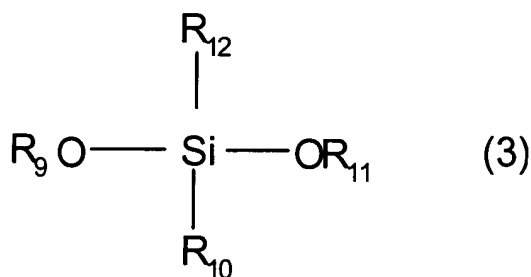
wherein n represents an integer of 2 to 10; R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ may be each the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and R₂ and R₄ may be each the same or different in every repetition unit, a catalyst for curing the compound represented by the formula (1), wherein the catalyst is an organic metal compound selected from the group consisting of a metal acid ester of titanium, a metal acid ester of zirconium, and an organic tin compound, and at least one functional substance selected from the group consisting of a pigment, an antioxidant, a light stabilizer, an ultraviolet absorbent, an antistatic, an electromagnetic absorbent, a flame-retardant, an antibacterial agent, an anti-fungal agent and a deodorant and, optionally, reaction water, and

curing the compound represented by the formula (1).

22. (Currently amended) A process for preparing a composite comprising a polyparaphenylene terephthalamide fiber and a siloxane polymer, which comprises:
coating or impregnating a polyparaphenylene terephthalamide fiber with a solution consisting of a solvent, a compound represented by the following formula (1):



wherein n represents an integer of 2 to 10; R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ may be each the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group of 1 to 4 carbon atoms; and R₂ and R₄ may be each the same or different in every repetition unit, a catalyst for curing the compound represented by the formula (1), wherein the catalyst is an organic metal compound selected from the group consisting of a metal acid ester of titanium, a metal acid ester of zirconium, and an organic tin compound, at least one compound selected from the group consisting of a compound represented by the formula (3):



wherein R₉, R₁₀, R₁₁ and R₁₂ may be each the same or different, and represent a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms or an alkenyl group of 2 to 10 carbon atoms, and among them, one or both of R₁₀ and R₁₂ may be an alkyl group of 1 to 10 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group of 2 to 10 carbon atoms or an aryl group of 6 to 20 carbon atoms, one or more hydrogen atoms of each of said groups being optionally substituted with an epoxy group or a glycidyl group directly or via an intervening group, and a condensate in which two or more molecules of the compound represented by the

and a condensate in which two or more molecules of the compound represented by the formula (3) are condensed, and at least one functional substance selected from the group consisting of a pigment, an antioxidant, a light stabilizer, an ultraviolet absorbent, an antistatic, an electromagnetic absorbent, a flame-retardant, an antibacterial agent, an anti-fungal agent and a deodorant and, optionally, reaction water, and curing the compound represented by the formula (1).